

CHAPTER 7

REPORT PREPARATION

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7.2 AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONTACTED

The CPUC conducted seven scoping meetings to provide the general public and government agencies opportunities to identify significant environmental issues and to propose alternatives that should be considered in the preparation of the EIR. In addition to the scoping meetings, four public information meetings were also held. These meetings are discussed in Section 7.3.2.

7.2.1 AGENCY MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, March 6, 1998, Pittsburg

Primary Focus: Contra Costa and Pittsburg Power Plants

- Contra Costa County Department of Public Works
- City of Antioch Department of Public Works
- City of Clayton Department of Public Works
- City of Concord Department of Public Works
- City of Brentwood Department of Public Works

- City of Martinez Department of Public Works
- City of Danville Department of Public Works
- City of Lafayette Department of Public Works

Wednesday, March 11, 1998, Healdsburg

Primary Focus: Geysers Geothermal Power Plant

- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District
- Sonoma County Public Works Department
- Sonoma County Environmental Health Services Department
- Sonoma County Administration Office
- Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management
- Sonoma County Regional Water Quality Control Board

Thursday, March 12, 1998, Lakeport

Primary Focus: Geysers Geothermal Power Plant

- Lake County Air Quality Management District
- Lake County Board of Supervisors
- Lake County Special Districts
- Lake County Planning Department

Thursday, March 19, 1998, Pittsburg

Primary Focus: Pittsburg and Contra Costa Power Plants

- City of Pittsburg Planning Division
- City of Pittsburg Department of Community Development
- City of Antioch Planning Department

Wednesday, March 25, 1998, San Francisco

Primary Focus: Hunters Point and Potrero Power Plants

- City and County of San Francisco Planning Department
- City and County of San Francisco Department of the Environment
- City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health
- City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power

Wednesday, April 8, 1998, San Francisco

Primary Focus: Hunters Point and Potrero Power Plants

- City and County of San Francisco Planning Department
- City and County of San Francisco Department of the Environment
- City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power
- Grueneich Resources Advocates
- California Environmental Associates

Tuesday, April 14, 1998, Various (via teleconference)

Primary Focus: Hunters Point and Potrero Power Plants

- City and County of San Francisco Planning Department
- City and County of San Francisco Department of the Environment
- City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power
- Grueneich Resources Advocates
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7.3 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

7.3.1 NOTICING

In compliance with CEQA guidelines, the CPUC, as the lead agency, prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP), which was mailed on February 27, 1998, to state, local, federal, trustee and responsible agencies affected by the project. A copy of the NOP was posted for public review in the Contra Costa County Library, Lake County Library, Mendocino County Library, Napa City-County Library, San Francisco Public Library, Solano County Library and the Sonoma County Library.

In preparation for the Draft EIR, the CPUC sent a notice of public scoping meetings to more than 700 stakeholders, including residents and homeowners within one-quarter mile radius of the project areas, special interest groups, and local, regional and state governmental office holders and agencies.

Advertisements announcing the public meetings were placed in multiple papers throughout the geographic area of the project. The display advertisements were translated and placed in English, Spanish and Chinese language newspapers. The display advertisements were posted between the dates of February 27, 1998, and March 12, 1998, and between March 23, 1998, and March 26, 1998.

7.3.2 PUBLIC MEETINGS

The CPUC conducted four public scoping meetings to explain the environmental review process and to receive public comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). These were conducted in multiple locations convenient to residents that live near the power plants proposed for divestiture. On March 10, 1998, more than 50 individuals attended a public meeting at the Earl P. Mills Community Center in San Francisco. On March 12, 1998, more than 30 individuals attended a public meeting at Buchanan Park Community Center in Pittsburg. Two meetings were held in locations near the Geysers Geothermal Power Plant. One meeting was held in Calistoga on March 11, 1998, at the Napa County Fairgrounds, and more than 30 individuals attended. More than 35 people attended a second meeting in the area of the Geysers, which took place in the community of Cobb at the Cobb Community Center, Old Red Schoolhouse, on March 26, 1998.

7.3.3 LIST OF EIR SCOPING LETTERS RECEIVED

The following agencies, organizations, and individuals submitted letters in response to the February 13, 1998 Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report:

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District: Ellen Garvey (March 20, 1998)
- Cal/EPA Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC): Mohinder Sandhu (March 9, 1998)
- Contra Costa, County of, Auditor/Controller's Office: Paul Abelson (February 26, 1998)
- Friends of Cobb Mountain: Hamilton Hess (April 3, 1998)
- Howard D. Hickman (March 30, 1998)
- Lake, County of, Air Quality Management District: Robert Reynolds (February 27, 1998)
- Lake, County of, Board of Supervisors: Louise Talley (March 17, 1998)
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO): Annamaria Perrella (February 17, 1998)
- Office of Ratepayer Advocates, CPUC: Truman L. Burns (April 6, 1998)
- Office of Ratepayer Advocates, CPUC: Truman L. Burns (April 6, 1998)
- SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission: Nicholas Salcedo (April 3, 1998)
- SF, City and County of, Department of the Environment: Beryl Magilavy (March 12, 1998)
- SF, City and County of, Department of Public Health: Mitchell Katz (March 16, 1998)
- SF, City and County of, Planning Department: Hillary Gitelman (March 18, 1998)
- SF, City and County of, PUC-Hetch Hetchy Water and Power: Lawrence Klein (March 18, 1998)
- Sonoma, County of, Office of County Administrator: Gary Kovacovich (March 16, 1998)
- Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice (SAEJ): Alan Ramo (March 18, 1998)
- Southeast Alliance for Environmental Justice (SAEJ): Alan Ramo (March 23, 1998)